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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of)
BOSS, ET AL.) Art Unit: 2627
Serial No. 10/698,937) Examiner: Davis, David Donald
Filed: 11/03/2003)
Title: DAMPED DISC DRIVE)
ASSEMBLY, AND METHOD FOR) Atty. Dkt. No. 6666.130
DAMPING DISC DRIVE)
ASSEMBLY)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

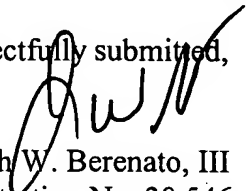
ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of May 26, 2006, Applicant hereby elects with traverse Group I, containing claims 1-32 drawn to a disc drive assembly.

Applicant also makes a species election of Species V, covering Figure 18. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-22, 24-31 read on the elected species. Applicant also respectfully submits that claim 1 is generic to non-elected claims 6 and 17, and that claim 18 is generic to non-elected claims 23 and 32. Thus, rejoinder of the non-elected claims is appropriate upon allowance of claims 1 and 18.

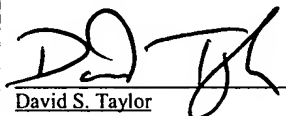
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